

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

November 14, 2011

City of Chula Vista, Council Chambers
276 Fourth Avenue

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chair Stillman at 4:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Stillman, Commissioners Coleman, Davis, Kappes, Rahimzadeh, and Romo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Vargas

MOTION TO EXCUSE: Commissioner Vargas, excused

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director Rick Hopkins, Environmental Resource Manager Reed, Brian Holland from ICLEI, Conservation Specialist Cory Downs, Environmental Resource Program Manager France, Principal Planner Marisa Lundstedt, and Sr. Secretary Fields

OTHERS PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of October 24, 2011 were approved with the addition of Chula Vista Elementary School District as one of the organizations suggested by Commissioner Vargas for future discussion on Prop O and environmental workshops.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Selection of an alternate RCC member to the Wildlife Advisory Group

Action: Chair Stillman made a motion to nominate Commissioner Davis as the alternate RCC member to the Wildlife Advisory Group. Commissioner Rahimzadeh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. SD Bay Adaptation

Brian Holland from ICLEI gave the presentation. He discussed the five milestones of climate adaptation, the project roles of the different committees and groups involved, and he went over sea level rise assumptions. He also spoke on planning scenarios, sea level rise impacts, and then presented some key vulnerability examples. His presentation further included discussion on targeted and comprehensive strategies and additional program resources.

Environmental Resource Manager Reed continued with additional information as related to the Working Group's efforts, and a question and answer session followed.

2. 2010 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

Conservation Specialist Cory Downs presented this item. He gave a background on the program and went over the methodology of how emissions are computed. He stated that the results showed a significant decrease in municipal emissions, but an increase in community emissions. The next action will be to take the item to Council. He then addressed questions from the board.

Commissioner Kappes brought to staff's attention a needed correction in the last paragraph on page 6 of the report. The line regarding wastewater pumping should read, "wastewater pumping was <1% of total emissions", rather than "wastewater pumping was >1% of total emissions."

3. Day Without A Bag Campaign – Environmental Services Program Manager France discussed the program and details of the event, which will be held on December 15th.
4. RCC Action Plan Discussion – This item was held until the next meeting.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Hopkins announced the following:

- The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the solar parking lot structure tomorrow at 2:00.
- The November 28th RCC meeting will be cancelled.
- The December 12th RCC meeting will be held again in Council Chambers.
- He congratulated staff members Cory Downs and Dave DiDonato for being the Public Works Department's Employees of the Year/City Employees of the Month.

CHAIR COMMENTS


None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Coleman gave an update on the Master Composting class he recently attended. He discussed the class projects and mentioned how proficient the instructor was. He stated that there was high interest in the class and that future classes were scheduled.
- Commissioner Romo talked about the Carbon Footprint Calculator and explained that it is a tool that measures the amount of energy being wasted. He suggested having the group use the tool to measure the carbon footprint of the RCC meetings, and added that the RCC could serve as an example to other groups.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to a special meeting on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers at 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910.

Prepared by:


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